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Minutes of Palmetto State Clean Fuels Coalition Meeting on 12/11/02

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The meeting was held at the offices of the South Carolina Farm Bureau, 724 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce, South Carolina on Wednesday, December 11th 2002.

In attendance were:

Nikki Parrish, United Energy; Jan Smoak, SCDHEC; Jeff McCormack, State Fleet Management; David Diamond, Tri-City Fuels; Harry Byrd, USPS; M. Chad Wilbanks, SCDHEC; Amy Curran, SCDHEC; Tom Falvey, SC State Museum; Tonya Lott, SCDHEC; Patricia Tangney, SC Energy Office; LeAnn Herren, PSCFC; Wendy Bell, PSCFC

1. Program Plan Revisions—LeAnn Herren reviewed the Program Plan revisions. Staff noted that the revised plan was submitted to David Dunagan of the Atlanta Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Energy at the end of November. Mr. Dunagan anticipates submitting the plan to US-DOE Headquarters early January. Headquarters will review the plan and submit their comments and/or requests for additional information. Staff will keep the coalition members informed on the progress. Anyone who would like a digital copy of the plan should contact LeAnn at herren@environ.sc.edu.
2. Working Groups—The national Clean Cities program stresses the importance of working groups to successful coalitions. As part of the development of the Palmetto State Clean Fuels Coalition, we would like to expand the development of five working groups. These groups include: Fleets, Fuels, Education, Legislative, and Funding. Many coalition members have participated in these activities previously in an informal manner. Staff listed these coalition members in Section VIII of the program plan as required by US-DOE. A copy of this section is included for your review. If you would like to participate on a work group, or if you would like your name removed, please contact LeAnn or Wendy.
3. Legislation—Patricia Tangney provided an update on the proposed alternative fuels legislation. Two bills introduced in the General Assembly last session designed to repeal the motor fuels tax on E85 and biodiesel for five years; permanently remove the back-up tax on propane and natural gas while establishing a one-time point-of-purchase tax on propane and natural gas vehicles. The bills are expected to be pre-filed next week. Go to www.scstatehouse.net to conduct a bill search.
4. Ethanol Infrastructure—Wendy Bell reported that the coalition is working with Greenville County to develop an application to the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition (NEVC) to install infrastructure. NEVC will fund projects up to \$25,000 per site and will require a 33% match. The match is not required to be cash. If you would like an application packet, contact Wendy Bell wbell@catawbacog.org or Patricia Tangney ptangney@ogs.state.sc.us.

5. Stakeholder Recruitment—Wendy Bell noted that staff will begin contacting potential stakeholders in January to request that they consider officially signing the Memorandum of Understanding. Staff may request assistance from coalition members for contact information, guidance or participation.
6. Coalition Logo—Wendy Bell distributed copies of several proposed logos. Members present selected three logos that are included as an attachment with these minutes. Staff requests that coalition members select one logo or provide additional recommendations by January 7th 2003. We would like to select a logo so that we can print materials for the coalition.
7. Other
 - Next Advancing the Choice Event (ACE) will be a legislative briefing. Date and time to be determined.
 - Next issue of the newsletter will be in February. Start submitting ideas.
 - David Diamond, Tri-City Fuel, is building a fueling facility in Cayce. He noted that he would like to install ethanol and biodiesel at this facility. Staff discussed with Mr. Diamond the potential for assistance with the cost of installation of the ethanol infrastructure as well as assistance with marketing.
 - Jeff McCormack noted that Blossman Gas has expressed an interest of working with the state to expand propane infrastructure that can be accessed by the State's Wright Express Cards. SCDOT has expressed an interest in this project.
 - LeAnn Herren has been asked to Chair an Air Quality Focus Group at USC. This group will work to see if there is a way to work across campus and with SCDHEC to write grants and develop informational programs to improve air quality in the Columbia area. Also, the group will assess whether the University contributes to air quality problems in the area.
8. The next meeting of the coalition will be in early spring. Working group meetings will be scheduled and notices forwarded.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.

9. Palmetto State Clean Fuels Coalition Workgroup Membership List (as of 11/1/2002)

Steering Committee: To Be Determined

Fleets Workgroup:

Jan Smoak, DHEC Motor Vehicles
Tonya Lott, DHEC Air Quality
Marty Burr, City of Rock Hill

Jeff McCormack, State Fleet Management
Laurie Bell, DHEC Air Quality

Fuels Workgroup:

Jan Smoak, DHEC Motor Vehicles
Jeff McCormack, State Fleet Management
Tonya Lott, DHEC Air Quality
Marty Burr, City of Rock Hill
Red Roberts, United Energy Distributors
Ed White, Propane ERC

Trish Jerman, Sustainable Universities
Bob Burgess, DHEC Waste Minimization
Laurie Bell, DHEC Air Quality
Tim Shawver, Duke Energy
Steve Clark, York County Natural Gas

Education Workgroup:

Bob Kosak, York Technical College
Tim Shawver, Duke Energy
Tom Falvey, SC State Museum

Michael Monroe, DHEC Air Quality
Margaret Owens, SC Soybean Board

Legislative Workgroup:

Jeff McCormack, State Fleet Management
Tonya Lott, DHEC Air Quality
Margaret Owens, SC Soybean Board

Henry Phillips, DHEC Air Quality
Red Roberts, United Energy Distributors

Funding Workgroup:

Bob Kosak, York Technical College
Henry Phillips, DHEC Air Quality

Derrick Huggins, USC Motor Vehicles
Laurie Bell, DHEC Air Quality

Program Plan Development (Special Workgroup):

Patricia Tangney, State Energy Office
Tonya Lott, DHEC Air Quality
Jeff McCormack, State Fleet Management

Jan Smoak, DHEC Motor Vehicles
Bob Kosak, York Technical College
Chris Howard, USC Motor Vehicles